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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PANEL

1. TRANSPORT MINISTRY (SHINOHARA, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OFFICE)
HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO CONVEY FOLLOWING TO DOT RE U.S. PROPOSALS
FOR NEXT RESEARCH PANEL MEETING:

(A) FOR JAPANESE SIDE, PREFERRED DATES FOR MEETING ARE JUNE 10 AND
11.

(B) RE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED, AS LISTED IN DETERRA'S LETTER
OF MARCH 25, JAPANESE SIDE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH ITEM 1 -
TRANSPORTATION-RELATED ENERGY R AND D, OR ITEM 5 - PERSONNAL RAPID
TRANSIT DEVELOPMENTS.

(C) CONCERNING PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM 2 - NEW SHINKANSEN AND DEVELOP-
MENTS IN MAGNETIC LEVITATION, MOT UNDERSTANDS THAT KYOTANI OF JNR
AND HARDING OF FEDERAL RAILWAY ADMIN MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE DURING
JUNE. IF THIS TRUE, DOT WONDERS WHETHER ITEM SHOULD REMAIN ON
AGENDA.

(D) JAPANESE SIDE WILL BE UNABLE TO SEND PARTICIPANTS FOR
DISCUSSION OF ITEM 3 - TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION SYSTEMS, BUT
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MAY BE ABLE TO PREPARE A PAPER ON QUOTE LONG-RANGE PLANNING FOR

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION SYSTEMS UNQUOTE, IF U.S. SIDE BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. MOT ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DOT COMMENTS ON RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, BETWEEN THIS ITEM AND PROJECT BEING CARRIED OUT BY DOT AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE DOCUMENTATION (NCITD) INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION AND AUTOMATIC DATA TRANSMISSION OF EXPORT-IMPORT DOCUMENTATION.

(E) RE PROPOSED ITEM 4 - CONTROL OF TRANSPORTATION POLLUTION SOURCES, JAPANESE SIDE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF WHAT DOT HAS IN MIND. IN PARTICULAR, MOT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER DISCUSSION WOULD BE LIMITED TO OCEAN POLLUTION, WHICH WAS SUBJECT ADDRESSED AT LAST TWO PANEL MEETINGS, OR WHETHER OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS AUTOMOBILE NOISE ABATEMENT ALSO ARE CONTEMPLATED.

(F) WITH REFERENCE TO PENULTIMATE PARA OF DETERRA'S LETTER, SHINOHARA SAID IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR MOT TO SEND PAPERS THREE WEEKS BEFORE MEETING. HE SAID JAPANESE PAPERS PROBABLY COULD NOT BE PROVIDED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS OR TEN DAYS IN ADVANCE.

2. MOT WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. COMMENTS ON FOREGOING BY APRIL 15, IF POSSIBLE.
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